

NH Medicaid Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC)

Monday June 13, 2016

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

NH Hospital Association

125 Airport Road

Concord, New Hampshire

Meeting Minutes

Member/Alternate Attendees:

Michael Auerbach, Diana Dedousis, Lisa DiMartino, Ellen Edgerly, Travis Harker, Ellen Keith, Earle Kolb, Michele Merritt, Paula Minnehan, Sarah Morrison, Ken Norton, Cindy Robertson, Richard Royce, Chris Rueggeberg, Mel Spierer, Kristine Stoddard, Michelle Winchester

Member Absent:

Jay Couture, Doug McNutt, Carolyn Virtue

DHHS Staff Attendees:

Peter Bacon, Cathy Bernhard, Kelly Cote, Katie Dunn, Melissa Nemeth, Kim Reeve, Deb Scheetz, Kirstin Sylvester

Guests:

Heather Donnell, CSNI. Janet Monahan, NH Medical Society. Carol Iacopino, Well Sense.

Review/Approval of May 19, 2016 MCAC Minutes

Meeting minutes approval moved by Diana Dedousis with a second by Cindy Robertson. All in favor. On the housing committee subcommittee Kristine was under the impression that the Department would reach out to the subcommittee with answers to their questions. The minutes will be updated.

MCAC Topics

Re-Election of Officers and New Members

This will need to take place over the next month. We have been able to back fill any vacant positions as we went along. Those members are only completing the term of the individual that they were backfilling for. We need to have a nominating committee; which is usually headed up by the vice chair. Paula Minnehan will assist Lisa on this. Ellen Keith motions with a second by Ken to have Michelle and Lisa continue in their roles as Chair and Vice Chair. All in favor.

By-Law Review

The current by-laws are handed out. Katie hopes that these can be reviewed by a subcommittee to review the minutes and make any updates. Michelle Winchester will take all input and comments and update the by-laws. Katie will work with the Department staff. In addition to the bylaws the Rule Development document will be sent out by Michelle and reviewed. The hope is to have the changes to both of these documents for a review and vote at the July meeting. A copy of the CFR will be sent out as well; as members were looking for more information as to their role on the committee. Members voice that they would like to potentially have expanded roles for MCAC members.

Process for Changing Meetings Last Minute

Kelly will send out the member list for the members to review and update so that there are multiple ways to get the notice out when any sort of change is made to a meeting. The decision to change meetings should be done by 9:00 through email and a phone call as well.

SB553 MCAC Elect Members for Commission

For the implementation of Step 2; Michelle recommends that we have a member represent the committee and also have a back-up. This legislation speaks to nursing facilities and waived services. Commissioner Meyers is the chair. There are specific organizations that have been asked to be part of it and MCAC should have representation. Earle nominates himself as he is on CFI waiver. Cindy nominates Michelle with a second by Lisa DiMartino. All in favor for Michelle; no oppositions. He is looking to convene prior to July 4th and then have a couple of meetings after that prior to December. The Commissioner will be updating the group as things move along. If Michelle is unable to attend a certain meeting she will reach out to another member at that time to attend in her stead.

DHHS Updates

Managed Care Rules Published May 2016

We are moving ahead and having a gap analysis done. Many requirements were due sixty days after being published. Ours will be done in time with extra time. Katie is interested in hearing at what level of detail would this committee be wanting to hear about those changes. Paula looked at the rule and feels that many components were implemented. She would like more specifics included; as much of this is very complex. Michelle thinks it would be helpful when there is a certain topic that is important that the group would hear about it.

Private Duty Nursing: Deb Scheetz

Deb hands out a handout with charts regarding PDN salary ranges (attachment 1) and reviews with the group. Work with MCOs has been put in as a reporting requirement. There will be a quarterly report put out in the next couple of weeks.

Legislation

Deb mentioned the 439 – the study on long term care services – deb will be following this around workforce and development. Need to connect with people at community level. The Department is getting organized around the summer work.

Rule Review

He-W 553 Home Health Services: Kim Reeve

Kim reviewed comments and made changes to the proposal. The rule is set for conditional approval at JLCAR this week. Diane Dedousis understands that a large majority of clarifications were made; however there are some clarifications that still need to be made around plan of care and she feels that some parts of this are not appropriate. Kim notes that this language is not a restriction it's for informational purposes. Diana is worried about payment being held back. Katie and Kim will take this back and take a look at it. Travis asks how the data would be used – Kim answers it's more for the Department to have a better understanding and to see where issues might arise. Katie notes that there is a huge improvement around portability within this rule. Diana also brings up the section about DME and appliances that are suitable in the home – they are asking that this term be added. Kim thinks that it should be more broad. The subcommittee recommends that the full committee submit concerns to JLCAR.

He-M 406 Bridge Housing Subsidy Program and

He-M 1202 Administration of Medications in Behavioral Health

Last month there were questions around the criminal background being an exclusion for some candidates. Deb will connect the subcommittee and the Department. Hoping to get these filed in the next week or so. There are no questions today.

He-M 407 Adult Assertive Community Treatment (ACT): Chip Moulitis

Rule came out of the mental health agreement that was part of the settlement between DOJ and State of NH. Major effort is to keep people in the community out of facilities. These are all services out in the community. Ellen Keith asks if these teams are working with the police departments? Chip notes that the model includes working with community stakeholders and the police could potentially be one of those stakeholders. The purpose is to keep people out of institutions. This is a new rule. Do the members want to create a subcommittee? Ken is

interested in being on this subcommittee and Jay Couture would probably be interested as well. Katie thinks it's a good idea for the MCAC to be educated on ACT to have a better understanding. This could be presented at the July meeting and the subcommittee could start initial meetings.

He-M 1301 Medical Assistance Provided by Educational Agencies: Melissa Nemeth

This rule is introduced so that a subcommittee can be formed if that is what the Committee would like. This is also considered Medicaid to Schools. Michelle would like to have the members take a week to review the rule and then at that time Michelle will reach out to the members to see if anyone wants to form a subcommittee at which point Michelle will reach out to Melissa if a subcommittee is formed.

Other Business:

Ellen Edgerly mentions that ABD is up for renewal and has some questions around that. Katie would need to look into this as she doesn't have much information at this point.

Review Tasks

- ☒ The SPA on PDN will be sent to the group.
- ☐ Michelle will send out the Rule Development document and the CFR for the role of the MCAC.
- ☐ Kelly Cote will send out the member listing for review of contact information
- ☐ Katie and Kim will take a look at the language around plan of care for 533 that Diana mentioned.
- ☒ Deb Scheetz will connect the subcommittee and Department staff so a meeting can be set up.
- ☒ Information on ACT will be presented at the July MCAC meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday July 11, 2016 at the NH Hospital Association scheduled from 1:00-3:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Cote, Administrative Assistant